



*Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council*

## **Transportation Update**

### **October - December 2001**

Work continues on the **Route 22 Corridor Management Plan**. The Harlem Valley Partnership and the PDCTC hosted two public meetings in June and November. In June the participants developed and discussed eleven goals for the Corridor that included “encouraging growth in defined areas” and “maintaining rural character.” At the second meeting the participants discussed a wide variety of strategies that could be used to help the Route 22 communities achieve the established goals. The final plan will be presented at a third public meeting in late winter. *Kealy Salomon (845) 486-3600 or Kathleen Schibanoff, Harlem Valley Partnership (845) 877-3738*

The final **Hopewell Hamlet Pedestrian Plan** was presented at a meeting in early November. The plan had three main recommendations: 1) a landscaped boulevard for Route 82, 2) a new southern gateway to the Hamlet in the vicinity of Town Hall on Route 376, and 3) connecting the Hamlet with planned new residential development through a series of trails and sidewalks. The printed report is expected in late winter of 2002. *Eoin Wrafter (845) 486-3600.*

The **Taconic State Parkway Task Force** convened by NYSDOT has completed the first of three reports outlining permanent recommendations for the at-grade crossings along the Taconic State Parkway. The first report covers the Parkway between I-84 and Route 44, and includes proposals to modify thirteen of the seventeen intersections in this area. The second report will provide recommendations for intersections north of Route 44, and the third will cover the portion of the Parkway south of I-84. *For more information contact Doug Druchunas, NYSDOT-Region 8 (845) 431-5728.*

The PDCTC has selected the firm of Montgomery Watson Harza to continue the **PDCTC Traffic Count Program**. There are 200 counts scheduled in 2002. *Eoin Wrafter (845) 486-3600.*

The PDCTC has obtained a video from the FHWA on **Retiming Traffic Signals**. It is one of the more cost-effective techniques available to state and local agencies in their efforts to manage congestion and growing travel demand. *Eoin Wrafter (845) 486-3600.*

The Urban Land Institute recently published **Residential Streets (Third Edition)**, which describes how to create streets that encourage pedestrian and bicycle usage, and at the same time slows vehicle traffic. It can be purchased at [www.uli.org](http://www.uli.org). The Federal Highway Administration recently released **Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access, Part II, Best Practices Guide**. It is the latest in a series of technical guides to assist in integrating accessible bicycle and pedestrian projects into the transportation system. You can obtain a copy by faxing a request to the FHWA report center at (301) 577-1421 or via email at [report.center@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:report.center@fhwa.dot.gov).

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has issued a request for proposals on “**Applying Roundabouts in the United States.**” The proposed study will look at safety issues, specifically regarding “pedestrians with blindness and low vision...” The projects objectives are to (1) develop methods of estimating the safety and operational impacts of U.S. roundabouts and (2) refine the design criteria used for them. For more information visit <http://www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/All+Projects/NCHRP+3-65>.

The winter issue of “Traffic Safety Digest” from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is now available on-line. Article topics include highway safety, work zone safety, red light running, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. For more information visit <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/outreach/safedige/winter2001/home.html>.

**Comings and Goings.** The PDCTC welcomes six new members to the Policy and Technical Committees. **Supervisor Raymon Oberly** (Town of Clinton), **Supervisor Pompey Delafield** (Town of Hyde Park), **Supervisor Robert Shepard** (Town of Lloyd), **Supervisor Edward P. Hauser** (Town of Pawling), **Supervisor Joseph Davis** (Town of Poughkeepsie), and **Supervisor Joseph Ruggerio** (Town of Wappinger).

Thank you and goodbye to **Supervisor Connie Smith** (Town of Wappinger), **Supervisor James Tanner** (Town of Pawling), **Supervisor William Dowden** (Town of Rhinebeck), **Supervisor Ann Barcher** (Town of Poughkeepsie), **Supervisor Harold Berean** (Town of Lloyd), and **Supervisor Yancy McArthur** (Town of Hyde Park) who have served the Transportation Council over the past several years.

Staff News - **Jean Shanahan** has been promoted to Associate Transportation Analyst and will oversee the NYSDOT-Region 8 MPO Unit. **Angelina Foster** taken a promotion and moved to NYMTC and **Sandra Karge** has taken a promotion in the Landscape Architecture Division of NYSDOT-Region 8. We wish them all luck in their new positions.

The **PDCTC is ON-LINE.** The web site has information on who the PDCTC is, what we do, and projects we are working on. Check it out at [www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm](http://www.dutchessny.gov/pdctc.htm). *Eoin Wrafter (845) 486-3600.*

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